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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. - 10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) Self-adhesive sheet for bonding a floor covering to a floor, comprising:

a backing layer having a top surface adapted to face the floor covering and a bottom surface adapted to face the floor;

a first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating coated on the top surface of said backing layer in a first pattern ~~on the top surface of said backing layer~~, said coated ~~top surface of said backing layer~~ first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating being substantially planar and being adapted to adhere to the floor covering; and

a second pressure-sensitive adhesive coating coated on the bottom surface of said backing layer in a second pattern, said second pattern being ~~that is the same as the first pattern on the bottom surface of said backing layer~~, said coated second pressure-sensitive pressure sensitive adhesive coating ~~bottom surface~~ being substantially planar and being adapted to adhere to the floor, said first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating having a different adhesive strength than said

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second pressure-sensitive adhesive coating and the adhesive strength of said second pressure-sensitive adhesive coating being lower than the adhesive strength of said first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating,

said backing layer comprising a polymer film,

the self-adhesive sheet having substantially planar top and bottom surfaces consisting of said respective first and second adhesive coatings exposed and having a minimum width of 350 mm for extensive coverage of the floor to be covered with the floor covering.

12-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) Self-adhesive sheet of claim 11, wherein the adhesive strength of said second pressure-sensitive adhesive coating expressed as adhesive force, measured in accordance with DIN 1939, is about from 0.8 to 5 N.

17. (Currently Amended) Self-adhesive sheet of claim 11, wherein the ~~different~~ differential in the adhesive ~~strength~~ strengths of said first and second pressure-sensitive adhesive coatings is brought about by different adhesive application rates expressed as weight of adhesive per unit area ~~of surface~~, the

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~~surface pressure-sensitive adhesive coating~~ with the greater adhesive strength having a higher adhesive application rate.

18. (Currently Amended) Self-adhesive sheet of claim 11, wherein said first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating comprises pressure-sensitive adhesive different from the pressure-sensitive adhesive coating of said second pressure-sensitive adhesive coating.

19. (Previously Presented) Self-adhesive sheet according to Claim 17, wherein the adhesive application rate on the top surface is in a range from 100 to 250 g/m² and on the bottom surface is in a range from 5 to 40 g/m².

20-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) Self-adhesive sheet according to claim 16, wherein the adhesive strength of said second adhesive coating expressed as adhesive force is about 1.5 N to 3 N.

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23. (Previously Presented) Self-adhesive sheet according to claim 22, wherein the adhesive strength of said second adhesive coating expressed as adhesive force is about 2.0 N to 2.6 N.

24. (Previously Presented) Self-adhesive sheet according to claim 19, wherein the adhesive application rate on the bottom surface is about 8 to 20 g/m².

25. (Currently Amended) Self-adhesive sheet according to claim [[21]] 11, wherein the width of the self-adhesive sheet is in a range of from 500 mm to 1500 mm.

26. (Currently Amended) Self-adhesive sheet according to claim 25, wherein the width of the self-adhesive sheet is in a range of from 600 mm to 1000 mm.

27. (Currently Amended) A method for bonding a floor covering to a floor comprising:

coating a top surface of a backing layer with a first pressure-sensitive adhesive in [[with]] a first coating pattern ~~a top surface of a backing layer comprising polymer film with a first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating~~ to form

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~~a first pressure-sensitive coating a coated top surface of the backing layer~~ which is substantially planar, wherein the backing layer is comprised of a polymer film; ~~[[and]]~~

coating a bottom surface of the backing layer with a second pressure-sensitive adhesive in ~~[[with]]~~ a second coating pattern, said second coating pattern being that is the same as the first coating pattern ~~a bottom surface of the backing layer with a second, planar pressure-sensitive adhesive coating to form a~~ first pressure-sensitive coating a coated bottom surface of the backing layer which is substantially planar, the first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating having a different adhesive strength than the second pressure-sensitive adhesive coating and the adhesive strength of the second pressure-sensitive adhesive coating being lower than the adhesive strength of the first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating,

thereby to ~~produce~~ forming a self-adhesive sheet having substantially planar top and bottom surfaces and ~~consisting of~~ comprising a backing layer the top surface of which is coated with the first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating and the bottom surface of which is coated with the second pressure-sensitive adhesive coating; ~~[[.]]~~ and

adhering ~~the bottom surface of~~ the self-adhesive sheet to the floor by means of the second pressure-sensitive adhesive coating ~~[[.]]~~ ; and

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adhering the floor covering to the self-adhesive sheet by means of the first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating.

28. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 27, wherein the floor covering is a carpet.

29. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 28, wherein the floor is parquet.

30. (Previously Presented) Self-adhesive sheet according to claim 11, wherein said backing layer is made of propylene or polyethylene film.

31. (Previously Presented) Self-adhesive sheet according to claim 11, further comprising a first textile structure arranged on the top surface of said backing layer and a second textile structure arranged on the bottom surface of said backing layer.

32. (Currently Amended) Self-adhesive sheet for bonding a floor covering to a floor, comprising:

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a backing layer having a top surface adapted to face the floor covering and a bottom surface adapted to face the floor, said top surface being a rhomboidal threaded mesh;

a first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating coated on the top surface of said backing layer in a first pattern ~~on the top surface of said backing layer~~, said first pressure-sensitive adhesive coated top surface of said backing layer being a rhomboidal threaded mesh and being adapted to adhere to the floor covering; and

a second pressure-sensitive adhesive coating coated on the bottom surface of said backing layer in a second pattern, said second pattern being that is the same as the first pattern on the bottom surface of said backing layer, said coated second pressure sensitive adhesive bottom surface coating being substantially planar and being adapted to adhere to the floor, said first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating having a different adhesive strength than said second pressure-sensitive adhesive coating and the adhesive strength of said second pressure-sensitive adhesive coating being lower than the adhesive strength of said first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating,

said backing layer comprising a polymer film,

the self-adhesive sheet having substantially planar top and bottom surfaces consisting of comprising said respective first and second adhesive coatings exposed

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and having a minimum width of 350 mm for extensive coverage of the floor to be covered with the floor covering.

33. (Currently Amended) Self-adhesive sheet according claim 11, wherein the first and second pressure-sensitive adhesive coatings have an equivalent surface area.

34. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 27, wherein the first and second pressure-sensitive adhesive coatings have an equivalent surface area.

35. (Currently Amended) Self-adhesive sheet according claim 32, wherein the first and second pressure-sensitive adhesive coatings have an equivalent surface area.

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Previously Presented) Self-adhesive sheet according claim 11 wherein said first pattern is on the entire top surface of said backing layer.